IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Uhlmann et al.

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Compounds Modulating Sister

Chromatid Separation and Method for Identifying Same

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page 2, before the first paragraph, please insert the following:

--This application claims priority benefit to European appl. no. EP 99 102 962.0, filed February 15, 1999 and U.S. provisional appl. no. 60/126,767, filed March 3, 1999, the full disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.--.

On page 2, line 23, after "chromosomes", please insert therein --from--.

On page 8, line 31, after "replication.", please delete "_".

On page 15, line 27, please delete "comples" and insert therefor --complex--.

On page 19, line 30, please delete "ist" and insert therefor --is--.

On page 32, line 21, please delete "50 g" and insert therefor --50 g--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16.

Please add the following new claims: